

# Senate File 256 - Introduced

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing qualifying school districts with transportation  
2 foundation aid reimbursement.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 257.35, subsection 1, Code 2009, is  
1 2 amended to read as follows:  
1 3 1. ~~The Except as provided in subsection 1A, the~~ department  
1 4 of management shall deduct the amounts calculated for special  
1 5 education support services, media services, area education  
1 6 agency teacher salary supplement district cost, area education  
1 7 agency professional development supplement district cost, and  
1 8 educational services for each school district from the state  
1 9 aid due to the district pursuant to this chapter and shall pay  
1 10 the amounts to the respective area education agencies on a  
1 11 monthly basis from September 15 through June 15 during each  
1 12 school year. The department of management shall notify each  
1 13 school district of the amount of state aid deducted for these  
1 14 purposes and the balance of state aid shall be paid to the  
1 15 district. If a district does not qualify for state aid under  
1 16 this chapter in an amount sufficient to cover its amount due  
1 17 to the area education agency as calculated by the department  
1 18 of management, the school district shall pay the deficiency to  
1 19 the area education agency from other moneys received by the  
1 20 district, on a quarterly basis during each school year.

1 21 Sec. 2. Section 257.35, Code 2009, is amended by adding  
1 22 the following new subsection:  
1 23 NEW SUBSECTION. 1A. a. Notwithstanding subsection 1, the  
1 24 department of management shall deduct the total amount of  
1 25 transportation foundation aid reimbursement pursuant to  
1 26 section 285.1A from the total amount to be paid to area  
1 27 education agencies from school district state aid pursuant to  
1 28 subsection 1.  
1 29 b. The amount of transportation foundation aid  
1 30 reimbursement determined under section 285.1A for a school  
1 31 district shall be paid to the school district as part of the  
1 32 state aid payments made to school districts in accordance with  
1 33 section 257.16.

1 34 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 285.1A SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1 35 TRANSPORTATION FOUNDATION AID REIMBURSEMENT.

2 1 1. For the purposes of this section:  
2 2 a. "Base year", "budget year", "regular program state cost  
2 3 per pupil", and "school district" mean the same as defined or  
2 4 described in chapter 257.  
2 5 b. "Eligible percentage" means eligible students divided  
2 6 by the actual enrollment for the base year.  
2 7 c. "Eligible students" for a school district means  
2 8 students who meet transportation eligibility requirements  
2 9 under section 285.1, subsection 1, paragraphs "a" and "b", as  
2 10 determined by October 1 of the base year or the first Monday  
2 11 in October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.  
2 12 d. "Total square miles" means the number of square miles  
2 13 in each school district as determined by the department of  
2 14 education by October 1 of the base year or the first Monday in  
2 15 October if October 1 falls on a Saturday or Sunday.  
2 16 e. "Transportation factor" for a school district means the  
2 17 total square miles multiplied by the eligible percentage.  
2 18 2. a. In order to qualify for transportation foundation

2 19 aid reimbursement, a school district's transportation factor  
2 20 must be one hundred or greater.  
2 21 b. The amount of transportation foundation aid  
2 22 reimbursement a qualifying school district shall receive  
2 23 equals the product of the regular program state cost per pupil  
2 24 for the budget year times five hundredths, multiplied by the  
2 25 actual enrollment for the base year.

2 26 EXPLANATION

2 27 This bill creates a transportation foundation aid  
2 28 reimbursement for qualifying school districts payable in the  
2 29 budget year. The reimbursement is for transportation of  
2 30 elementary students who live more than two miles from the  
2 31 school and high school students who live more than three miles  
2 32 from the school.

2 33 A school district qualifies for reimbursement of  
2 34 transportation costs if the total square miles in the school  
2 35 district multiplied by the percentage of students eligible for  
3 1 transportation for the base year is 100 or more. This  
3 2 qualifying number is called the school's transportation factor  
3 3 for the budget year. In order to determine the amount of  
3 4 transportation foundation aid reimbursement the qualifying  
3 5 school district will receive, the regular program state cost  
3 6 per pupil for the budget year is multiplied by five hundredths  
3 7 and then multiplied by the actual enrollment for the base  
3 8 year. This final calculation yields the amount of  
3 9 transportation foundation aid reimbursement that the school  
3 10 district may receive.

3 11 The reimbursement amounts are drawn from the area education  
3 12 agency funding under Code section 257.35, and the department  
3 13 of management is directed to send the calculated amounts to  
3 14 each school district along with the regular state aid  
3 15 payments.

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